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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY.

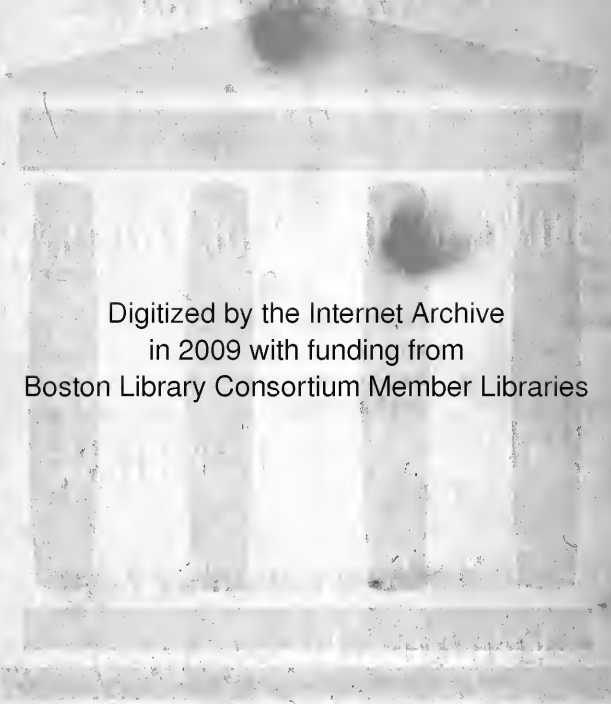
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SNOW PATHS.

1856.		
March 14,	To paid John M. Thissell.....	1 21
April 3,	James Read.....	4 00
1858.		
March.	Samuel Clark 2d.....	1 25
	Hiram Dorr.....	1 44
	Nath'l Messer.....	2 58
May 3,	Alfred Reynolds.....	1 25
		\$11 73

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

1857.		
	To pd non-resident highway taxes, as per receipts examined by the auditors.....	20 17
1858.		
	To pd non resident highway taxes, as per receipts,	8 95
	Moses Webster non-resident tax receipts, of 1857, taken up.....	10 79
	1858, do do.....	37 09
		\$77 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1858.			
Feb.	23	To pd Benj. F. Gregg,.....	6 83
March	25	George Moor.....	1 25
April	26	Joseph Gregg land damages for widening road.....	15 00
May	6	Horace Tilton.....	1 59
		Jonathan Tilton.....	84
	12	Stephen Reynolds..	4 00
	15	Benjamin Barker.....	2 50
		James Read, plank for bridges.....	16 90
Aug.		Samuel Clark, 2d.....	1 75
Sept.	17	Alonzo J. Hall.....	8 08
		John Parker, repairing fordway road and bridge.....	53 64
	25	Benjamin Barker, bank wall on Beaver Brook, near Dr. Crombie's.....	60 00
Dec.	1	Charles P. Emery.....	40 00
Sept.		Frederick W. Coffin.....	2 40
Nov.	14	Peter J. Horne.....	12 44
	17	Samuel C. Bailey.....	4 00
Dec.	3	Geo. McKenny.....	2 50
1859.			
Jan.	6	John Parker.....	4 00
Feb.	17	Samuel A. Clough.....	50
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			\$238 22

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1857.		To pd Wm. Ela poll tax.....	1 54
1858.			
Feb.	12	John S. Couch.....	64
March	6	Charles F. Robie.....	3 10
		Jeannette Humphrey.....	1 69
Aug.	26	George N. Warner.....	3 74
	11	Edmund Adams, 2d.....	4 04
1859.			
Jan.	20	Moses Webster, list of 1857.....	47 46
Feb.	21	“ “ “ 1858.....	24 43
		“ “ school house tax in No. 5	157 18
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			\$243 82

GRAVE YARD.

1858.			
Aug.	12	To pd Wm. B. Wilson, digging graves,.....	12 50
Oct.	2	Leonard Wilson, repairing tools.....	2 00
1859.			
Feb.	16	P. B. Stevens, digging graves,.....	18 75
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			\$33 25

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

1858.			
Oct.	4	To pd Hiram Smart, commissioner for Teacher's Institute,.....	\$ 22 92

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1858.			
March		To pd Fisk and Gage, town accounts 1857.....	27 50
		“ “ tax and highway survey- or's book.....	4 50
May	27	Fisk & Stearns, tax bills 1858.....	2 00
Dec.	29	Eastman & Quincy, stationery, &c.....	1 47
1859.			
Feb.	21	Eastman Brothers “	2 44
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			\$37 91

TRANSIENT POOR.

1858.			
Feb.	25	To pd B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell,....	28 00
April		City of Manchester for supplies for family of J. E. Wallace,.....	6 75
Sept.	2	Charles C. Parker, supplies for Mrs. James Kelly.....	8 38

	Abigail Hall, care of Mrs. Kelly.....	9 00
Nov. 15	Samuel Clark, wood for Geo. Alexander...	23 00
26	Samuel Adams, 2d, board of Frank Denny	37 08
Dec. 15	Town of Londonderry, funeral expenses of Loami King,.....	6 29
	supplies for family of L. King.....	6 34
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		\$124 84

EDUCATION.

1858.

To paid School District No. 1,	school money,.....	235 59
"	" 2, "	226 29
"	" 3, "	62 55
"	" 4, "	120 35
"	" 5, "	73 10
"	" 6, "	66 41
"	" 7, "	135 51
"	" 8, "	127 90
"	" 9, "	90 19
"	" 10, "	32 55
"	" 11, "	73 22
"	" 12, "	67 66
"	" 7, for 1857.....	87 00
"	" 7, Chester, 1857,.....	7 00
"	" 7, " 1858,.....	7 12
"	" 7, school house tax.....	48 91
"	" 7 school house tax.....	520 00
"	" 9 " "	40 00
"	" 6 " "	30 00
"	" 2 " "	40 00
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		\$2091 35

NOTES PAID.

1855.

Feb. 22	Eleanor Kimball.....	147 10
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1856.

March 29	Samuel C. Kimball.....	100 00
April 14	Nancy J. Wilson.....	170 00

1857.

Aug. 11	Edmund Adams 3d.....	239 00
Dec. 9	Nath'l Brown.....	31 38

1858.

March 17	Lorenzo Kimball, in part.....	100 00
Oct. 25	Benjamin Kimball ".....	50 00
		<hr/> \$837 48

INTEREST PAID.

1858.

March 29	Eleanor Kimball.....	24 06
	Samuel C. Kimball.....	10 40
April 14	Nancy J. Wilson.....	24 62
March 13	Nath'l Brown.....	50
31	Edmund Adams 3d.....	9 08
April 3	Benjamin Kimball.....	15 00
1858.		
Oct. 2	Derry Bank.....	8 25
		<hr/> \$91 91

ALMS HOUSE.

1857.

April 10	To pd B. F. Gregg, coffins.....	4 75
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1858.

Dec. 29	Eastman & Quincy, supplies.....	62 28
1859.		
Jan. 24	Albert Thompson, blacksmith work.....	15 61
	Wm. C. Palmer, mason work.....	3 50
	Barker & Poor, supplies.....	57 15
Feb. 5	Wm. Leach ".....	46 60
	Charles C. Parker ".....	54 54
	Eastman Brothers ".....	8 51
	Jas. H. Crombie, medical attendance.....	16 00
2	J. T. G. Dinsmore, meal and shingles.....	17 03
17	Benjamin Merrill, salary.....	300 00
	John Parker, school house tax.....	3 00
21	Isaac Howe, shoes, &c.....	6 35
		<hr/> \$595 32

N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1858.

To pd N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah Coudry, 1857....	36 20
" " " 1858....	146 60
John W. Bond " " 1858....	79 25
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	\$262 11

TOWN OFFICERS.

1858.

Feb. 22	To pd Wm. H. Oram, Treasurer.....	20 00
	Ed. Adams, 3d, Selectman for 1857.....	9 24
26	Alfred Boyd, Auditor,.....	1 18
	Henry E. Eastman do	1 18
	Josiah H. Adams do	1 18
March 1	Alexis Proctor, Sup. School Com., 1856	15 00
8	E. G. Parsons " 1857	45 68
13	Nathaniel Brown, Selectman 1857... ..	8 92

1859.

Jan. 24	Ira W. Ring, Constable.....	5 00
Feb. 21	William C. Ela, Selectman.....	38 10
	John Folsom " 	37 62
	Henry E. Eastman " 	48 65
	Moses Webster, collector.....	67 00
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		\$298 75

OUTSANDING ORDERS.

1858.

To pd outstanding orders for 1757.	493 57
State Tax... ..	401 10
County Tax.	1004 03
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	\$1898 70

MOSES WEBSTER, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1858.

To Balance of tax list of 1857.....	2118 27
Amount " 1858.....	5360 62
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	\$7478 89

Cr.

1858.

By amount paid on list of 1857.....	2118 27
“ “ 1858.....	3260 62
Balance of list 1858 in hands of collector.....	2100 00
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	\$7478 89

WILLIAM H. ORAM, Treasurer,

Dr.

1858.

To balance in Treasury 1857.....	78 16
cash received of collector, list of 1857.....	2118 27
“ “ 1858.....	1855 49
Rail road tax from state.....	175 41
County tax for 1857.....	525 92
“ 1858.....	527 60
literary fund for state.....	142 52
Derry Bank, borrowed money.....	500 00
Bill against Jos. Montgomery.....	38 75
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
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	\$5969 79

Cr.

1858.

By outstanding orders, 1857.....	493 57
orders paid 1858.....	4894 67
allowance of J. Montgomery's bill	6 00
cash to settle the same.....	32 75
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
Cash in Treasury.....	535 13
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	\$5969 79

MISCELLANEOUS.

1858.

March 6	To paid G. C. Bartlett legal services, 1857.....	8 00
1859.		

Feb.	21	"	"	1858.....	12 00
1858.					
June	11	Joseph Green, lightning rods on alms house			33 49
Dec.	9	Wm. Anderson, surveying town lines.....			1 25
	16	D. H. Pinkerton, highway survey.....			2 00
	18	H. E. Eastman, pauper expenses to North- field, Amoskeag, &c.....			7 80
	29	Eastman & Quincy, paints for, and painting of graveyard gates....			5 56
		Eastman & Quincy for school house furni- ture, &c. No. 7.....			28 51
1859.					
July	20	Moses Webster, for guaranteeing outstand- ing taxes, 1857.....			15 00
Feb.	5	Ebenezer Cogswell for taking care of Par- ish Hall, &c.....			7 07
	17	Jeremiah Hayes, for damages to his horse, David C. Palmer for Black Board for No. 7.			6 00 1 50
		Wm. C. Ela, wood for Parish Hall.....			2 25
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					\$130 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

1858.

To paid snow paths.....	11 73
non-resident highway taxes.....	77 00
Roads and bridges.....	238 22
Abatement of taxes.....	243 82
Grave-yard.....	33 25
Teacher's Institute.....	22 92
Books and Stationery.....	37 91
Transient Poor.....	124 84
Education ..	2091 35
Notes paid.....	837 48
Interest paid.....	91 91
Alms-house.....	595 32
Insane Asylum.....	262 11
Town Officers.....	298 75

Outstanding Orders,...	493 57
State Tax.....	401 00
County Tax	1004 03
Miscellaneous.....	130 43
Cash in Treasury.....	535 13
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	\$7530 87

RECEIPTS.

1858	Cash in Treasury 1857.	78 16
"	Received of collector on list of 1857.....	2118 27
"	" " 1858.....	3260 62
"	Rail Road tax for State.....	175 41
"	Literary Fund.....	142 52
"	Amount borrowed for use of town.....	400 00
"	Outstanding Orders.....	302 37
"	County Tax 1857 and 1858.....	1053 52
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		\$7530 87

NOTES PAYABLE.

1853.		
Nov. 1	Betsy Stinson.....	128 26
1856.		
April 3	Benjamin Kimball.....	200 00
7	Lydia E. Smith.....	100 00
Sept. 15	Lorenzo Kimball.....	150 00
24	Lilly Cochran.....	42 00
1857.		
Feb. 7	George Moor.....	263 06
Aug. 11	Margaret Adams.....	861 00
	Ithamer Hubbard.....	100 00
	George Moor.....	47 51
1859.		
	Sarah H. Moor.....	458 40
Jan. 3	Moses Webster.....	400 00
Feb. 22	George N. Warner.....	716 83
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		\$3467 06

INTEREST DUE.

1858.

Interest due on above notes, 235 00

TOWN OF DERRY—BALANCE SHEET.

1858.

To notes payable.....	3467 06
Interest on do.....	235 00
On standing orders.....	302 37
Due No. 7 school house acct.....	50 00
Alexander McGregor, land damage.....	15 50
Edward Ballou ".....	53 00
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	\$4122 93

Cr.

By uncollected Taxes.....	2100 00
due from Geo. N. Warner,.....	5 17
" " Charles Choate.....	5 00
" " Wm. J. Hall.....	7 67
Cash invested in liquors.....	250 00
Am't due from County.....	123 20
" " " H. D. Karr.....	5 90
" " " School District No. 6.....	17 00
Cash in Treasury.....	535 12
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	\$3049 06
Town Debt to balance.....	1073 87
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	\$4122 93

WILLIAM C. ELA,

JOHN FOLSOM,

HENRY E. EASTMAN.

} Selectmen
of
Derry.

I the undersigned, auditor, having examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the Selectmen, find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

JOSEPH MONTGOMERY, Auditor.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

1858

LIQUOR AGENCY.

Dr.

To Cash invested in Liquors,..... 250 00

" Agent's services,..... 50 00

300 00

Cr.

By paid Agent's services,..... 50 00

" Liquors, Cash &c., on hand,..... 250 00

300 00

CHARLES C. PARKER, AGT.

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS
HOUSE, FEB. 22, 1859.

4 oxen.....	\$230 00
5 young cattle.....	90 00
8 cows... ..	300 00
1 horse.....	125 00
5 swine.....	65 00
Hay.....	225 00
Ox wagon and cart.....	45 00
Plows, harrows &c.....	20 00
Sled and wheelbarrow	5 00
Yokes and chains.....	12 00
Shovels and forks	5 00
Mill and pulley.....	10 00
Harnesses &c	18 00
Sleigh and wagon	30 00
Hay cutter, horse rake &c.....	19 00
Axes, iron bar &c	15 00
Lumber on hand	30 00
Wood " "	125 00
Potatoes and other roots	80 00
Beef, pork and ham.....	73 00
Lard and butter.....	10 00
Soap and dried apples.....	16 00
Corn, Wheat &c.....	96 00
Cider, Vinegar and apples.....	35 00
Flour and meal.....	14 00

BALANCE SHEET OF ALMS HOUSE,

1858.

Dr.

To amount of orders on Treasury.....	\$595 32
Bills paid by Superintendent.....	123 59
Personal property at alms house Feb. 22 1858.....	1509 00
Amount due from County for balance of year 1857..	226 25
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	\$2454 16

1858

Cr.

By amount sold from farm, 1858.....	126 53
Personal property at alms house, Feb. 22, 1859....	1693 00
Due from Sam'l C. Kimball for Potatoes.....	4 00
“ George F. Adams.....	2 00
“ County Pauper acct.....	123 20
received from county pauper acct.....	325 00
due from Charles Choate.....	5 00
cash on hand.....	2 94
due from —— for support of Mrs. Clough and children	65 00
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	2346 67
Expense of alms house... ..	107 49
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	2454 16

Agreeably to a vote of the town, we herewith respectfully submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year. The amount of the debt, so far as we know of, is 1073 87, which is a reduction of 276 27 from last year. This in view of our having paid an increased County Tax of nearly three hundred and fifty dollars — of extra highway expenses the present year, of about \$200 less outstanding accounts, and of \$535 in the treasury would seem to indicate an improved state of affairs generally.

From the balance sheet of the Almshouse, it will be seen that the actual expense of the Almshouse the past year, has been about 100 dollars, which in view of the decided improvement manifest in the stock and buildings since the last account, would seem to indicate a favorable state of things there also.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. ELA,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN FOLSOM,	
HENRY E. EASTMAN,	

of Derry.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—As the present political year is drawing to a close, it becomes my duty to report to you the condition of our schools. The year with its toils and anxieties has passed rapidly away, and as I sit down to look over the results, it is very pleasant to recall my repeated visits in the school room, where I have ever met the happy smile of recognition, and welcome from the children and youth there met for the purpose of being trained for future usefulness. I have been very happy in the belief that my presence, in most cases, so far from being a restraint, has rather been a stimulus to them in their noble endeavors. And as I have frequently addressed them on the subject of their studies, as well as on their duties as citizens and members of society—it has given me great pleasure to observe their respectful attention, and I have often imagined I could read in many a bright eye, and thoughtful and intelligent countenance, the firm resolve to make the best possible use of their time, and become useful and honorable members of society. I shall ever be proud of the friendship of such youth—and if any thing that I have said or done has in any measure encouraged them in their efforts I shall rejoice. I am happy also to have the friendly acquaintance of our teachers, who, (with one or two exceptions) have been of a high order, I may say equal in *natural* and *literary* qualifications, to any heretofore employed in this town.

Most of our districts adopt the right policy—and employ none but the *best*, and pay them accordingly.

Another pleasing fact is, that nearly all the teachers employed here during the past year are *residents* of this town, or have received a good share of their education in town. While we cheerfully welcome *good* teachers from abroad, it is pleasant to know that the talents and abilities of our own youth are appreciated.

It is believed that our teachers have aimed at *correctness* rather than *display*—to the establishment of a good foundation rather than the rearing of a baseless superstructure. It is a matter of regret that any teacher should ever adopt a different course.

The scholar of to-day is to be the man of to-morrow, and needs to carry with him, into the labor and business of life, such intellectual and moral qualifications, as will enable him to find within himself the resources, which will aid him in the hour, when such resources shall be needed. In order to render his education of any service to him, he must have it in a form to be used when occasion shall require. If he finds in his mind a confused mass of ideas half formed he has studied to but little purpose, and misspent the most precious moments of his life.

The true secret of teaching *well*, is to teach one thing at a time. The great reason why some scholars dislike certain studies, is because they have never been taught so as to enable them to understand those studies. The proper course is, to begin at the elements of knowledge—lay the foundation broad and deep—look to the inevitable law of cause and effect, and leave the result to take care of itself.

Teachers should bear in mind another important fact, namely: In order to be able to govern a *school* properly, they must be able to govern *themselves*.

Decision of character and mildness of disposition—firmness of purpose with kindness of expression, are some of the essential elements in the character of a good disciplinarian.

A teacher has a given amount of time, talent, and energy to be employed in the instruction of his pupils, and if he is obliged to employ three fourths of his talent, nine tenths of his time, and all his energy, it follows of course, that a very small portion of his ability will be left for the purposes of instruction.

Parents should also co-operate with the teacher, in maintaining good order in the school-room. If parents *speak* disparagingly of the teacher in presence of their children, they cut the sinews of his strength, and take from him all power to do them any good afterward.

Let children hear a syllable against the teacher from the lips of their parents and attendance at school after that, will do them but little good. Parents should always remember that it is an easy matter to

“ Corvey a libel in a frown,
And wink a reputation down.”

Let the sentiment prevail among parents, prudential and superintending committees, that good order must be preserved in our schools—and let children be properly governed at home, and teachers will have little trouble in securing good order in the school-room.

REMARKS ON INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Frances E. Parker, Teacher.

This School was composed mostly of small scholars. The teacher labored faithfully in the discharge of her duties, and was successful. At the closing examination nearly all the classes acquitted themselves creditably. This was particularly the case with a class in Geography.

Good improvement was also made in the very important branch of reading.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. T. S. Chase, Teacher.

Mr. C. is a thorough scholar, and a faithful and systematic instructor. He teaches every thing thoroughly and with exactness, with good illustrations and explanations on the black-board and otherwise. I visited the school on the afternoon of the 15th inst. for the purpose of making this report and was sorry to learn that several of the oldest boys were absent. This habit cannot be condemned in too strong terms. One day in the last part of the term is worth *two* at any other time. It is hoped that the matter of attendance will attract the attention of parents in this district.

It is but justice to say that the appearance of the school was satisfactory to the committee and creditable to teacher and scholars. The school will continue several weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucinda Gregg, Teacher.

I was surprised on visiting this school at the commencement of the term to find so many young scholars. Sixty scholars in one room up-

on an average not more than eight years old, is a sight seldom witnessed. I found every thing here in a prosperous condition.

As I had no notice of the time of closing until about noon of the day on which it closed—and having previously made an engagement with persons living twenty miles distant, and no time being given to alter the arrangement, the school was not visited at the close. But from the report of those who were present, and very competent judges I infer that the teacher fully sustained her previous excellent reputation as a teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Benjamin Warren, Teacher.

This is the best and most forward school in town. Many scholars who have had the advantage of instruction at the academy in this town are attending, and by assiduously attending to their studies show that they have a proper estimate of the *Common School*. Their example has a tendency to elevate those scholars who have not had these advantages. This school has yet two weeks to continue, and I shall be very much disappointed if at the closing examination the scholars do not acquit themselves creditably, and the Teacher sustain his former high rank as an instructor.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss C. R. Smith, Teacher.

On visiting this school at the commencement, I was deeply impressed with the advantage of having a teacher who has herself been well taught in a good school; and predicted a good school and the examination at the close of the term proved that I was correct in my prediction. I was much pleased to notice the deliberate manner of the teacher while performing the various and arduous duties in the school room. She has a correct idea of a good school and teaches accordingly.

All the exercises at the close were very satisfactory. The compositions and declamations would have been creditable to scholars much older.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Samuel Marshall Jr., Teacher.

I found this school at my visit one week after its commencement, in a very promising condition. Teacher and scholars seemed to understand their duties well. Mr. M. was soon obliged to give up the school

on account of sickness, and his place was supplied by his brother Mr. Wm. Marshall.

Although notice of the time of closing was *sent* to me in due season, by accident it was not *delivered* to me until several hours after the school had closed, consequently I cannot speak of the improvement made.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Maria A. Hildreth, Teacher.

Miss H. is an experienced and successful teacher. She entered upon her duties with zeal and fidelity, and was very successful in every particular. At the closing examination the school room was beautifully adorned with festoons from the forest covered with flowers in a style that evinced good taste and much labor. All the recitations were highly satisfactory, and were interspersed with declamations and dialogues, in which almost every scholar participated. It is hardly necessary to add that the teacher won for herself a good reputation in the district.

WINTER TERM.—A. Proctor of Derry, Teacher.

As the teacher did not apply for a certificate, I did not visit this school, in the capacity of committee during the term. As the prudential committee has seen fit to pay him for his services, without requiring him to conform to the provisions of the statute, it is hoped that the district will *acquiesce*. If the parents here consider the school a successful one, they may attribute that success to their own efforts—for in no other district in town are the parents, as a whole, more interested in the education of their children. And it is believed that the children of this district are not inferior in point of capacity to those of any other district in town. ¶

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abbie J. Palmer, Teacher.

The teacher here made her first attempt at teaching. She commenced her labors with a desire to discharge her duties faithfully to the district, but labored under the disadvantage of being very young, and of coming into a district where the scholars had previously acquired the

habit of being very irregular in their attendance. The scholars attending constantly and punctually, made commendable progress. Miss P. will doubtless make a good teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Lucinda Gregg, Teacher.

At the commencement of the term the order was *exceptionable*; I am happy to say, however, that at the closing examination it was *unexceptionable*.

Commendable progress was made by most of the scholars. Miss G. has taught this school before to the satisfaction of the district. The school house here is the poorest in town.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER AND FALL TERMS.—Miss Julia A. Colby, Teacher.

The teacher devoted herself with energy to her task, and with good success. Good progress was made by all the scholars during both terms. The school is composed of small scholars, and consequently did not appear as forward as it has in some years past. This district deserves much credit for their new and convenient school house.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM, Miss Abbie F. Kimball of Derry, Teacher.

This was the first school taught in the new and pleasant school house erected in this district, and I am very happy to add, was a very successful one. The teacher was faithful in the discharge of her duties, the scholars studious and attentive. The closing examination—in presence of many of the parents—was satisfactory to the superintendent, and it is hoped to all others.

Miss K. is one of our best instructors.

WINTER TERM, Mr. Benj. Warner, Teacher.

The closing examination of this school was on the afternoon of a violent snow-storm, but notwithstanding, many parents and others were present, which is a pretty sure indication of a good school.

All the exercises evinced a propriety of demeanor, a studious application, and a waking up of intellect, which was alike honorable to teacher and scholars.

“As is the teacher, so will be the school.”

If this school improves as much for a few terms to come as it has during the past year, it will rank as one of our best schools.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM, Miss Eliza A. Marshall, Teacher.

The order of this school was excellent at each of my visits. The method of government adopted by the teacher, was very mild—the mode of imparting instruction, simple and attractive—and the improvement made during the term, very satisfactory.

A large number of parents were present at the closing examination, which betokens a healthy sentiment in the district. There are some superior scholars in this district, considering their age. I will only add here that the teacher fully sustained her previous good reputation.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. William Marshall, Teacher.

I think the school was larger during this term, than for several terms previous. The teacher was energetic—the scholars punctual and prompt in their attendance,—and all the exercises at the close were praiseworthy.

The teacher deserves much credit for the pains taken in the too much neglected branch of education—*reading*. I have seldom seen greater improvement made in one term in this important branch, than was made here. Singing was one of the pleasant exercises of the final examination, which caused us to forget for a while the unpleasant weather outside of the school-room.

This district does not believe, or at least does not practice, the principle that a prophet is without honor in his own country.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Lucy J. Clark, Teacher.

Miss C. was very mild in her government, but the school at the first and last examinations appeared orderly and quiet, and the scholars, considering their age, made very commendable progress. The day of the final examination was uncomfortably warm, yet all the classes acquitted themselves creditably. Miss C. is well known as one of our most thorough scholars.

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